

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claims 1-8 (cancelled).

9. (New) A control unit in a vehicle, comprising:

 a converter having an electrical isolation for supplying power to at least one component;

 at least one coupling element having an electrical isolation and connectable to the at least one component, the coupling element being used for data transmission; and

 a ground connection assigned to the at least one component.

10. (New) The control unit as recited in claim 9, wherein the converter includes a transformer for electrical isolation, a DC/AC voltage converter being provided on a primary side, and a rectifier being provided on a secondary side.

11. (New) The control unit as recited in claim 10, wherein the DC/AC voltage converter includes an oscillator.

12. (New) The control unit as recited in claim 10, wherein the DC/AC voltage converter includes a chopper.

13. (New) The control unit as recited in claim 9, wherein the at least one coupling element is an optocoupler.

14. (New) The control unit as recited in claim 9, wherein the converter is connected to at least one energy store which runs the converter in case a power supply is disconnected.

15. (New) The control unit as recited in claim 9, wherein the at least one component is an ignition circuit control for a restraint device.

16. (New) The control unit as recited in claim 9, wherein the at least one component is electronics of the control unit.